6. Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

7. Assistance for oil palm development.

8. Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices of major oilseeds.

9. Identification of equipments for modernisation of processing units, custom duty concession on imports of certain equipments.

10. Funding research and development programmes undertaken by various Institutions for fuller exploitation of oil from oil bearing materials.

[*Translation*]

Capital Investment Exemption Policy

*322. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NRIs have invested capital under the Capital Investment Exemption Policy during the last one year;

(b) if so, the amount invested by them;

(c) its likely impact on our industrial policy;

(d) the likely duration of the policy; and

(e) the conditions laid down for capital investment under the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) There is no such Policy as Capital Investment Exemption Policy and hence the question of NRIs investing under the scheme does not arise.

(b) to (e). In view of reply given to (a) above, does not arise.

[*English*]

Industrial Disputes Act, 1947

*323. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 with a view to exempt several categories of establishments from its purview;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the alternative arrangements proposed to be made for settling disputes relating to these categories of establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c). The definition of the term 'industry' in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 was amended in 1982 with a view to excluding from its application the following:

(i) any agricultural operation excluding activities in a plantation,

(ii) hospitals or dispensaries,

(iii) educational, scientific, research or training institutions,

(iv) institutions owned or managed by organisations wholly or substantially engaged in any charitable social or philanthropic service,

(v) Khadi or village industries,

(vi) any activity relatable to the sovereign functions of the Government including defence, research, atomic energy and space,

(vii) any domestic service,

(viii) any activity being a profession or any activity practised by an individual or body of individuals or cooperative societyor a club if the number of persons employed in relation to such profession or activity or body of individuals is less than ten.

2. To make the above definition of the term 'industry' effective, it was necessary to provide an alternative statutory mechanism for redressal of grievances of workers excluded from the purview of the Industrial Disputes Act. The Hospitals and Other Institutions (Redressal of Grievances of Employees) Bill, 1987 was accordingly introduced in this background. The Bill, however, lapsed with the dissolution of the then Lok Sabha. The matter was considered subsequently in the Indian Labour Conference held in April, 1990 which inter-alia recommended the constitution of a bipartite committee under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam to suggest the salient features of a new industrial relations law. The report of the Committee was not unanimous on a number of important issues including the question of the definition of the term "industry'. The matter was recently placed in the 40th Conference of State Labour Ministers which decided to constitute a Group of Labour Ministers of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal under the Chairmanship of Shri P.A. Sangma, Minister of State to go into various contentious issues and make recommendations. For consideration in the next Indian Labour Conference.

[*Translation*]

Public Sector Undertakings in Bihar

*325. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted any enquiry regarding the public sector units in Bihar which are not functioning satisfactorily for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the functioning of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). 4 out of 15 Central Public Sector Enterprises having their registered offices in the State of Bihar have suffered losses continuously for the last three years. These are:

1. Bharat Refractories Ltd.

2. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.

3. Projects & Development India Ltd.

4. Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corpn. Ltd.

(c) Enterprises specific action is being taken by the concerned administrative Ministry/ Department and the management to improve the working of these units

Cheating of People by Private Builders

3478. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: